

# HARBOR LIGHTS

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

In case there are some of you who don't know who I am I will introduce myself. I am the guy that got elected to this position because you didn't come in and participate in the democratic operation of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron.

I hope to bring more of the new



Virgil Boyt reads a short speech after being sworn in as the new commander. Keith and Jackie watch.

members into the fold and build up a cadre of experienced members who can fill in wherever there is a need. It is vital to our ongoing strength to get members more involved, even if it is only doing little things. If we can get members to set aside a little time each month for doing whatever needs to be done we can gradually get them to budget more time later, hopefully leading up to being on a committee or even a chairperson position.

I am in need of a Safety Officer, a Chaplain, and several new positions I am considering. I would like the members to nominate and e-mail me the names of anyone who is a worker, dedicated, self motivated, and who can give us the time involved.

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Please! This is a serious offer



New Commander Virgil Boyt gets the hook from Past Commander Keith Van Cleve

and I won't accept just anyone with a warm body. If there are no fulltime dedicated persons immediately available, I will accept part-time assistants to help out in ANY category.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

LT/C CLARKE MCALPINE, S



Clark McAlpine conducts a Vessel Safety Check (VSC). He is our second member to become a Vessel Examiner.

### Vessel Safety Check

Do you know a great way to demonstrate your commitment to boating safety and the values that the Power Squadron em-

braces? This particular action is the have your boat check for the basic, and legally required, safety items. Virgil Boyt and Clark McAlpine are certified examiners through the USPS Vessel Examination Program. As a public service, they work with you to access your vessel's status as to the requirements mandated by our federal and state government for boating safety. When all requirements are met, you will be given a Vessel Safety Check decal that is place on your boat, that says, in essence, "I believe in safe boating and my boat meets those requirements". Call Virgil at 378-

6343 or Clark at 378-3517 to make an appointment.



P/C Fred Hoepfner receives the Bent Anchor Award for 2002 from neighbor Don Kauffman.

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13 April	
Predicted Log Contest Dinner	
SJ Island Yacht Club	
30 April	1300
Executive Meeting	
Library	
02 May	1800
Spring Potluck	
The Baileys	
04 May	0900
Education Seminar	
Kingston, WA	
04 June	1300
Executive Meeting	
Library	

**DISTRICT 16 EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR, 4 MAY 2002**  
KINGSTON, WA

**Agenda**

- 0900 Continental Breakfast / Registration
- 0930 Call to Order - D/1st/Lt, Roderick "Rod" Barnes N, Deception Pass.  
Flag Salute - Dist. Flag Lt. D/Lt Carolyn Black, AP, Everett  
Invocation - Dist. Chaplain P/C Elizabeth Murray, JN, Agate Pass  
Introductions - D/1st/Lt Roderick Barnes, N, Deception Pass  
Host Announcements - Cdr Fred Tobey,
- 0945 Squadron Roll Call - D/1st/Lt Rod Barnes, N
- 0950 Commander's Message - D/C Carrol Walker, SN
- 1000 Past Chief Commander's Message - P/C/C Lance Jensen, SN
- 1010 National Educational News - V/C James Roeber, SN
- 1025 Boating 2000 - R/C Christine Rasmussen, SN
- 1045 \*\*\*\*\* Break \*\*\*\*\*
- 1100 Data Base 2000 - V/C Frank Dvorak, SN
- 1110 Vessel Insurance & What to look for when buying a used/new vessel - Mr. Mike McGlenn, Bellingham, WA
- 1130 Vessel Safety Checks - Dist 16 VSC Chair Bob Miller, P
- 1140 Teaching Aids Competition - P/C Karin McLean, JN

- 1150 Membership Retention through Education - Stf/C Bruce Troth, AP
  - 1200 \*\*\*\*\* Lunch \*\*\*\*\*
  - 1300 What my Squadron will do to Improve Member Participation in Advanced Grades and Elective Courses - Squadron Educational Officers or Squadron Commanders
  - 1430 Educational Comments - D/Lt/C Dan Tiedeman, JN
  - 1445 Questions and Answers
  - 1500 Adjournment
- Agate Pass - Bellevue - Bellingham - Bremerton - Deception Pass - Everett - Friday Harbor - North Olympic - Olympia - Possession Sound - Poverty Bay - Seattle - Spokane - Tacoma - Skagit Stilly Kingston, WA

**Menu**

Breakfast: Coffee and Assorted Teas Ruby Red Grapefruit Juice and Orange Juice Sweet Rolls and Pastries

Box Lunch: Sandwich Choice Chicken Cranberry Curry Salad On Croissant Roll

**Or**

Avocado, Cucumber, Tomato, Sprouts, Lettuce On Croissant Roll Potato Salad & Fruit Cup Chocolate Caramel Cheesecake Brownie. Assorted Soda Pops, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Water

Price: \$14.00 pre-registered  
\$16.00 at the door

Site: Northwest Laborers Training Site  
27055 Ohio Avenue  
Kingston, WA



**D/Lt/C Rod Barnes, District Education Officer did the honors of swearing in our new Bridge.**

## Comedy Corner

A Charlotte, NC lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars then insured them against fire among other things. Within a month having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed claim against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires."

The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason: that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued....and won!

In delivering the ruling the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The Judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be "unacceptable fire," and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000.00 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires." After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!!

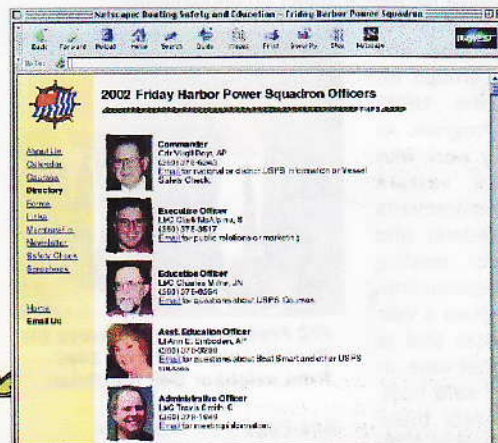
With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and he was sentenced to 24 months in jail and ordered to pay a \$24,000 fine.

This is a true story and was the 1st place winner in the recent Criminal Lawyers Award Contest.

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**Congratulations to the 2002 Squadron Officers**

See the new faces on our website - click on 'directory'



## THE SAFETY CORNER

CDR. VIRGIL BOYT, AP, SAFETY OFFICER

### Make my day. Take #2

In the January issue I mentioned that the Coast Guard had established temporary rules governing how close you could approach a military vessel without drawing their wrath. That temporary rule has been seriously tightened and will probably become permanent on June 15th of 2002.

Again I will paraphrase the report to get right to the latest nitty-gritty.

All vessels within 500 yards of a U.S. naval vessel must slow to minimum steerage speed. No vessels can approach closer than 100 yards unless authorized by the official patrol. Any violations of these rules is a felony punishable by up to six years in prison and fines up to \$250K.

In addition, you are now advised to avoid any security zones and commercial port areas, especially those that involve military, cruise line, or petroleum facilities. It is also a no-no to stop/anchor beneath a bridge. Violators will be perceived as a threat, and will face a QUICK, DETERMINED, AND SEVERE RESPONSE.

What is a quick, determined, and severe response you ask? The Coast Guard says it means whatever the ARMED PERSONNEL guarding the facility thinks it means.

#### This is becoming serious!

The advice I offered in January was: "Don't play chicken with a nervous, fuzzy cheeked 17 year old sailor manning a .50 caliber machine gun." They don't have the experience or judgement to be completely rational.

Someday I'll tell you a story about a nervous, fuzzy cheeked 18 year-old Marine that tried to rekindle WW-2 by firing on Japanese fishing boats in Tokyo Bay after the war ended. I

don't remember his name, but his initials were Pfc. Virgil Boyt, quickly demoted to Pvt. and assigned to less responsible duties.

## BUREAUCRACY STRIKES AGAIN!

CDR. VIRGIL BOYT, AP

### Lifejackets For Children—

"The new Federal PFD law, USCG-2000-8589, that was to go into effect 29 March has been withdrawn. This was done due to anticipated enforcement concerns over differences between the new law and existing state regulations. An alternative rule is being developed that will resolve those enforcement concerns, but it is unlikely that any new Federal rule regarding the wearing of PFD by children will be in place before the end of the year."

However, be advised that on Washington State waters All children, twelve years and under, while on a nineteen foot, or less, boat while underway, MUST wear a PFD. This includes canoes, kayaks, power, sail, PWC's, or riding towed tubes or floats, and water skiing. Not required, but wouldn't it be nice to make them wear PFD's while on the docks?

### Propane Tank Valves—

From an Associated Press article: "WASHINGTON (March 22) AP - Beginning April 1, a change to the national fire code requires propane gas tanks sold to consumers for grills to have "overflow prevention devices", the agency said. The devices help prevent gas leaks by stopping the flow of gas to tanks when they are 80 percent full."

#### Later I found this article:

The fire code as published by the National Fire Protection Association and adopted by most local governments and agencies.

"Propane cylinders manufactured after Sept. 30, 1998 already have the safety devices, according to the fire protection association. The improved propane tanks have valve handles with three prongs while handles on older tanks are round or star-shaped with five prongs.

It also requires older tanks being brought in for refills to be replaced with tanks that have the devices, the agency said."

So I then contacted the NFPA on the Internet and they show that Washington has not officially subscribed to this program.

Mike Chadwick was in Canada and upon asking to have his tank refilled was forced to buy a new tank with the OPD valve. Apparently Canada subscribes to the new law.

#### What is the stand of our Vessel Examiners doing a VSC?

"As far as doing a VSC we (VE's) are not to withhold the decal because there is a tank without Overflow Protection Device (OPD) on board the boat. But we need to let the owner/operator know they might not be able to re-fill the tank after April 1st, 2002"

## BOATER ALERT

Recreational Boating Association of Washington

CANPASS BOAT REPORTING SYSTEM SUSPENDED DUE TO 9/11 RBAW has received information from sources in both Canada and the U.S. that the CANPASS-Private Boats Program is suspended. All boats entering Canada via water must arrive at a designated Canadian Customs clearance port. The owner/operator must report to the Canada Customs telephone reporting center at 1-888-CANPASS (226-7277). A customs inspector will request the necessary information and instruct you on what to do to receive your legal entry into Canada. "See [www.rbaw.org](http://www.rbaw.org)".

## WASHINGTON - ANACORTES - FLOUNDER BAY

### Skyline Marina Entrance Channel Hazard to Navigation 12/02

The Skyline Marina entrance channel is reported to have increased shoaling. As stated in Coast Pilot 7, the east side of the entrance channel is subject to shoaling. Local knowledge is encouraged prior to entering the channel. Contact Skyline Marina at (360) 299-0971 for more information. Chart 18421

Submitted by P/C Fred Hoeppner

## MEMBERSHIP, GETTING TO KNOW YOU

LT. DON KAUFFMAN, AP

### Welcome New Members

As of March 21, we have two new Associate members from the Marin Squadron in San Rafael, CA. They are J.B. McGuire and Marilyn McGuire. The McGuire's are establishing a home on Orcas Island and will be there part time. We welcome them and hope they can join in on some of our activities.

Our most recent new members from the Boat Smart class are Michael C. Couey and Sharon Kay Ross-Couey, P.O.Box 1542, Friday Harbor. Michael is the Active member and Sharon is Additional Active. Welcome Aboard!

More information on these new members will be forthcoming at a later date.....Don



**Sally Hudson handles the money for the raffle. She and hubby Frank have been doing this for many years.**

## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

LT/C MICHAEL C. CHADWICK, AP

### SPRING BARBEQUE

Just a note to remind everyone that the Spring Barbeque will be held at Bob & Toni Bailey's place, 1800 hrs.. Thursday evening May 2, 2002. Directions attached. Bring your plates, silverware, drinks and some meat to barbeque if you wish, and assigned delicious dish as suggested below:

A-E Breads/salads

F-M Hot dishes

N-Z Desserts

Let's kick off Spring with another great attendance. We had 47 members attending the Change of Watch that was enjoyed by all. Awards were given along with the usual speeches.

Four District 16 members attended, namely Cdr. Carrol Walker, ADEO Rod Barnes and Joe and Marion Cartwright. Cdr. Keith held the reins throughout the ceremonies, did a fine job of it too, and most timely netted Cdr. Virgil before he got carried away reading his second, third and fourth sheets of his prepared speech! Have a wonderful



**2002 Bridge** - Will Gossett, Ann Einboden, Pat Wittkopp, Virgil Boyt, Clark McAlpine, Travis Smith, and Athlene Schneider. Chuck Milne not present.

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, APRIL 2002

ASSISTANT SEO, ANN EINBODEN, AP

Boat Smart has concluded a very successful class of 22 students, most of whom scored 100% on their exam, and several have joined or plan to join the Squadron. Thanks for such a great class goes to the excellent instructors who really inspired these students:

Fred Hoepfner presented two sections, one on Boat types and Boating terms and one on Marlinspike, which is always a treat. Clark McAlpine also presented two excellent sections, one on Docking and another on Navigations Rules. Brian Calvert presented a section on Boat Handling, Getting Underway and Waves & Weather, which inspired sev-



**D/C Carrol Walker presents the Past Commander's burgee to P/C Keith Van Cleve at the COW.**

summer, and let's get those boats out there!

Michael Chadwick, Dismissed SAO

### Bent Anchor Award

The Squadron's Bent Anchor Award was presented to P/C Fred Hoepfner after a long justification by Don Kauffman.

This award is based on a "complete screw-up" by the awardee who of course never confesses to his or her blunder.

True to form, our awardee blamed the tide-book when his trusty 17-ft utility boat had its canvas top crushed under a pier "smelling of cresote and pigeons".

Being one of our Squadron's most active boaters, Fred now has earned this award several times. We wish him all the best on his trip to Alaska this summer!...

Don Kauffman, AP

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### GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD

Every year we give out awards to people who have somehow messed up or not reached their goals, no matter how hard they tried. This year, Ron and I thought that an award ought to go to someone who year after year goes to the rescue of his fellow mariners. Our pledge says that we will "render assistance whenever possible", and that is just what a Good Samaritan does.

Last April, Ron and I were in Oak Bay B.C. on a Yacht Club Cruise. The weather had been horrible with high winds for several days, and was predicted to continue that way, forcing us to stay at the dock. Finally, we thought we had a window of slackening wind where we could make it across Haro Strait at our slow trawler pace of 8 knots. We headed out of the marina and into Baynes Channel. If you haven't had the pleasure of traversing this route, it's a reef and rock studded channel with considerable current.

Just as we got beyond the marina breakwater and into the rocky area, our engine died. Brian Calvert in his trawler was right behind us, thinking that since we travel at similar speeds, we could travel together. We called him, and within 5 minutes he had us rafted and under tow away from the rocks. It took his engine and our bowthruster to keep us off the rocks at one point. Fortunately, Ron was able to get our engine going again quickly, but we could not have had a more capable "Good Samaritan" come to our aid. We know of several others in the Squadron who have been equally grateful for Brian's assistance, and so to Brian Calvert goes the "Good Samaritan Award".

Ann Einboden, AP

Please volunteer!  
Chaplain and Safety Officer needed.

at Skagit Valley College, with Brian Calvert teaching, and promises to be one of our largest ever classes.

**Marine Engine Maintenance:** This class taught at the Yacht Club, by Mike Close took their exam on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and listening to class feedback, it was a terrific class. Many THANKS and congratulations Mike.

**Advanced Piloting:** The final exam in this class taught by Fred Hoepfner will be April 10<sup>th</sup>, and once again many, many THANKS to Fred for all of his time and expertise.

eral students to join the Squadron just to take his Seamanship class.

Fred Popham taught anchoring with his usual flair and expertise. Virgil Boyt was not only there every class to assist, but presented the section on Required Safety Equipment. Richard Baker, once again presented the State and Local Regulations with the presence of a seasoned law enforcement officer, and even made the "rules" interesting. Susan Ley presented vital information on Medical Emergencies and answered some very thoughtful questions from the class. A huge THANK YOU, to all of you.

**Seamanship:** This class will start April 10<sup>th</sup>

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING, 2, APRIL 2002**

LT/C JEAN E. MITCHELL, P

Commander Keith VanCleve, AP, called the meeting to order at 1300. Attending were Lt/C Jean Mitchell, P, Lt Jim Mitchell, AP, Lt/C Bill Pierson, S, P/C Richard Baker, AP, Lt Don Kauffman, AP, Melissa Dennis, Lt/C Mike Chadwick, AP, Lt/C Virgil Boyt, AP, Athlene Schneider, P, and Frank Penwell.

The minutes of the February meeting as printed in Harbor Lights were approved. Correspondence: For the 18<sup>th</sup> year we have received the USPS Educational Fund Award. Melissa will put this on our website. Other correspondence is about the Pig War Rendezvous. Otter Bay is full and there will be a change probably to Genoa Bay Marina. Brentwood Bay Squadron will determine this.

Reports

Educational Officer absent but sent their report by email. 16 passed the Boat Smart exam

and 5 to take it next week. 17 have signed up for Seamanship under P/C Brian Calvert, S. It will be 5 Wednesday evenings at the Skagit Valley College. Engine Maintenance was 2 April. There are three Piloting exams "out". Advanced Piloting concludes soon.

Executive Officer. Virgil Boyt discussed new regulations on propane tanks and life jackets.

Administrative Officer. Mike Chadwick stated that things are pretty calm. 46 have signed up for Change of Watch.

Treasurer. Bill Pierson's report is printed elsewhere in "Harbor Lights". He stated that he took \$500 from a CD and put into the checking account for the COW.

Don Kauffman stated that Sharon and Michael Couey have joined. Sharon is the Active and Michael is the family member. We have two new Associate

members, Marilyn and JD McGuire who reside in California and have a cottage on Orcas.

Roster. The National Roster has been brought up to date and Melissa will take over the Squadron Roster this year. The National roster is available on the web and authorized persons can download current squadron information.

New Business. There was a discussion of nominations for Broken Oar, Bent Anchor and perpetual trophy.

Before closing the meeting, Keith thanked the Bridge Officers and the Executive Committee for their service and they in turn thanked him for two splendid years of leadership.

Meeting adjourned at 1350. Jean E. Mitchell, P Secretary

**FHPS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, FOR MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2002**  
LT/C WILLIAM J. PIERSON, S

Balance Sheet	
<b>Assets —</b>	
Islanders Bank Checking Account	\$ 1,587.61
Islanders Bank Time Deposit	\$ 3,158.14
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,745.75</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity —</b>	
Liabilities	\$ -
Equity—Opening Balance 01/01/2001	\$ 6,121.02
Year-to-Date Profit/(Loss)	\$ (1,375.27)
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 4,745.75</b>
Operating Statement	
<b>Income —</b>	
Administration Department	\$ 86.00
Education/Sale of Materials	\$ 634.53
Interest	\$ 15.02
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 735.55</b>
<b>Expense —</b>	
Administration Department	\$ 367.50
Education Department	\$ 504.80
Secretary	\$ 91.70
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 964.00</b>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (228.45)</b>

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**Executive Committee**

P/C Keith VanCleve  
P/C Victoria Baker  
Will Gossett  
Melissa Dennis

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Port Captain:  
P/C Brian Calvert, S

Chaplain: